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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
Toshihisa SARUTA, et al. : EXAMINER: NGUYEN, M.  
SERIAL NO.: 09/442,646 :  
FILED: November 18, 1999 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2622  
FOR: METHOD OF NORMALITY :  
DECISION WITH REGARD TO  
INK CARTRIDGE AND  
PRINTER ACTUALIZING THE  
METHOD

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated October 9, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-8, 10, 21, and 22 are amended as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of determining whether a storage unit included in an ink cartridge is normal, wherein the ink cartridge is configured to be detachably attached to a printer, the method comprising the steps of:
- (a) reading a piece of decision information that has been registered in advance in a predetermined format, from the storage unit; and

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